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Lieutenant Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Awards Recognize Service Excellence in Tourism

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman recognized outstanding contributions to the tourism and hospitality industries during a ceremony Monday afternoon at the Indiana Statehouse. Nineteen people received a 2010 Lt. Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Award for their high level of service in tourism-related jobs at hotels, restaurants, attractions and other destinations. More than 257,000 jobs in Indiana are supported by the \$10 billion in visitor spending each year in Indiana.

"Hoosiers employed in tourism and hospitality are often the first people to welcome guests visiting Indiana," said Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman. "These award recipients are just a few of the many people who make positive contributions to Indiana's tourism industry every day, and it's important to thank them for their hard work."

The 2010 Lt. Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Award recipients are:

Dave Adams
City of Madison
Madison

Angela Bailey
Mesker Park Zoo
Evansville

Mary Brooks
City of Huntington
Huntington

April Criswell
Falls of the Ohio State Park
Clarksville

Dorothy Decker
Hampton Inn Corydon
Corydon

Ralph DePaolo
Auburn Cord Duesenberg
Automobile Museum
Auburn

Carol Groves
Marengo Cave
Marengo

Suzanne Jones
Hampton Inn Seymour
Seymour

Lois Martin
Seiberling Mansion
Kokomo

Barbara Mauer
Iron Skillet Restaurant
Greensburg

Larry May
St. Nick's Restaurant/Santa's Lodge
Santa Claus

Sarah Mitchell
McGinnis Pub
Michigan City

Ryan Parsley
Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
Santa Claus

Britni Stephens
Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel
Carmel

Hana L. Stith
African/African-American Museum
Fort Wayne

Susan Strange
Patoka 4 Seasons Lodge
Eckerty

Jacqueline Swann
Hilton Garden Inn
Columbus/Edinburgh
Edinburgh

Ryan Worsham
Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel
Jeffersonville

Debbie Zook
Fairfield Inn by Marriott Kokomo
Kokomo

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The Lt. Governor's Hoosier Hospitality Awards ceremony is part of Visit Indiana Week, May 7-14. Information on nearly 200 Indiana travel discounts is now available at VisitIndiana.com.

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Lt. Governor Becky Skillman oversees the Indiana Office of Tourism Development. Amy Vaughan serves as the agency's Director.